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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
STEFFANIE G. WADDINGTON et al.

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**SUBMISSION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 ACCOMPANYING
A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

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Sir:

This paper is submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 114 along with the enclosed Request for Continued Examination with fee and a Request for a two-month Extension of Time. A final Office Action was mailed on August 18, 2003, for which the five-month date for response is January 20, 2004 (January 18 being a Sunday, and January 19 being a federal holiday).

The Commissioner is authorized to deduct the fee set forth in § 1.117(e) for filing this Request for Continued Examination from Howrey Simon Arnold and White, LLP Deposit Account No. 01-2508/11867.0003.NPUS00. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge the payment of the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) for the TWO-month extension of time, as stated in the request filed herewith. It is believed that no other fee is due; however, should any

fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Howrey Simon Arnold and White, LLP Deposit Account No. **01-2508/11867.0003.NPUS00.**

AMENDMENT

In response to the Final Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

- I. Amendments to the Claims**, if any, are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 4 of this paper.
- II. Remarks In Response to the Final Office Action for this Submission** begin on page 12 of this paper.